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Nevada Talking Book Services

Eligibility

Persons unable to read or use print materials as a result of a temporary or permanent visual or physical limitation.

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Described Videos

Visually impaired and blind individuals now have access to more visual media such as television programs, feature films and DVDs. Described video, also called audio description, video description, descriptive video and descriptive audio all refer to narration which describes key visual elements of the program to visually impaired persons.

Although Nevada Talking Book Services has no affiliation with descriptive audio service, it is available at some movie theaters and museum tours and on the soundtrack of some television programs, DVDs, and movies. The narration occurs between portions of the dialog or songs, and gives details about scenes, actions, characters, costumes, on-screen text and other visual content that would not be understood from the sound track alone.

In theaters, the user would receive a wireless audio system with an earpiece or earphones that play the narration. Check with the theater regarding the availability of this service before you go.

Many newer DVDs and Blu-ray discs include descriptive video. This option is accessible through the player's menu for the movie in the settings options of the disc. This option should also be listed under Languages on the back cover of the DVD if it is available.

For a list of descriptive videos, visit the American Council of the Blind (ACB) Audio Description Project at <http://www.acb.org/adp/dvds.html>. This site offers a list of DVD's for each year, an alphabetical list and a separate list of children's movies. This site also provides a summary of discs with audio description from 2001 to current.

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Descriptive Videos cont.

In addition to movies and DVD's, since July 2012, nine major TV networks have been making descriptive video available for selected programs equal to about four hours each week. The American Foundation for the Blind's (AFB) website will identify Described TV Listings based on your zip code and television provider. It also has information to help you access this feature on your TV. Visit the AFB website at: <http://www.afb.org/tv.aspx?action=&error=nz>.

Invitation from NCB

by Rick Kuhlmeier, President, Nevada Council of the Blind

The Nevada Council of the Blind is an all-volunteer 501 c 3 organization advocating for sane, independent living for the blind and visually impaired residents of Nevada. We are a voice of those who have vision loss. We offer peer support to better educate ourselves and the public of not just our needs but our talents. We provide a forum for discussion of matters pertaining to our lives and the lives of our loved ones. We believe there is happiness after blindness and many of us have achieved that happiness. We know that if we put out the effort to excel in all we do our lives will be full, rich and productive. The membership of NCB drives the leadership as the membership of the American Council of the Blind, our national organization, drives its leadership nationally. Our Constitution mandates that more than one half of our membership must be visually impaired and also more than one half of our Board must be visually impaired. We invite you to visit our website at www.nvblind.org. Please join us. If anyone desires to contact us my e-mail address is: rickthepo-lak@embarqmail.com This address is also on our website www.nvblind.org

Reminder...Online Public Access Catalog Changing

Remember, the older version of the online catalog (OPAC) will go away as of January 1, 2016. You will need to start using the new version at that time. The new catalog's address is <https://webopac.klas.com/nv1aopac/> Please delete the old bookmark; then bookmark this new catalog for future use.

New Nevada Titles

St Thomas: a history uncovered

DBC04764

By McArthur, Aaron

Narrated by Zoleinna Schar

History of how St. Thomas was established near Lake Mead in 1865 by settlers and Paiutes before it succumbed to the rising waters of the lake because of the Hoover Dam some 73 years later. Today, when the water level of Lake Mead is low, the remains of this ghost town are visible. 2013.

New Nevada Titles**Tahoe Ghost Boat****By Borg, Todd**

DBC00646

Narrated by Frieda Ford

Sequel to Tahoe Chase (DBC 00639). Gang leader, Mikhailo kidnaps 15-year old Tahoe resident, Gertie and holds her for a \$2 million ransom. While Detective McKenna is on the case, her stepfather dies in a boating accident and her mother cares more about the blackmail money than rescuing her daughter. Murderers and kidnappers plot their next move while McKenna is determined to find Gertie and bring her abductors to justice. Contains some violence. 2014.

Christmas in Nevada**By Cafferata, Patricia**

DBC04773

Narrated by Millie Solley

A compilation of Christmas celebrations from every county in Nevada, this book of short stories offers the reader exposure to a variety of cultures. Written between 1858 and 2014, some are told by famous individuals such as Mark Twain and Basque writer, Robert Laxalt. 2014.

The Bohemians: Mark Twain and the San Francisco writers who reinvented American literature**By Tarnoff, Ben**

DBC00634

Narrated by Lila Halpern

The Bohemians is about four writers: a youthful Mark Twain seeking adventure; literary golden boy Bret Harte; the gay poet Charles Warren Stoddard; and attractive but troubling Ina Coolbirth, poet and guardian of this crew of lost boys. The Bohemians begins in 1860s San Francisco. It provides a blatant look at these authors from their formative years to their years of stardom at a time in their lives when they did not know they would succeed. Contains some descriptions of sex. 2014.

Skin of the Earth: stories from Nevada's back country **By Gibney, Art**

DBC00636

Narrated by Millie Solley

The author, an ex-forest service worker, shares tales of his experiences in Nevada's back country, from cattle and ostrich ranchers to cancer death from atomic testing. Other tales focus on BLM bureaucrats, drought in a Mormon community and loners in search of seclusion in remote canyons. A couple occupying an abandoned cabin are reminded that everyone lives on the "kin of the earth" and that we are all somehow remotely connected. 2002

National Federation of the Blind of Nevada 2015 State Convention

By Jeanine Mooers, Vice President of Northern Nevada NFB

The National Federation of the Blind of Nevada held its 2015 State Convention October 30 to November 1 at the Main Street Station Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The convention included several interesting and informative presentations such as a discussion about employment and ADA compliance conducted by a panel of two attorneys and a judge and a presentation by Vanda Pharmaceuticals which included a patient ambassador about Non-24-hour Sleep/Wake Disorder which affects many people who are totally blind. There was also a brief affirmation of support by Congresswoman Dina Titus and a presentation about the Business Enterprises of Nevada (BEN) program which provides training and employment for people who are visually impaired and want to run a food service business.

Other activities included a vendor fair and a fun costume contest at the banquet which took place on Halloween night. At the banquet, awards were presented to scholarship winners, summer interns and volunteers. The 2016 convention will be in Reno.

This newsletter is available in alternative formats upon request.

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